Josh Shapiro talks rural issues during recent stop in Brookville

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Shapiro is running unopposed on the next week’s primary election. Shapiro has been a pleasure serving Pennsylvanians, he told the board, “Brad has done a lot, with the building, with everything.” He told the board, “It is amazing to have a building that is so well connected to the internet,” Shapiro said. “It is amazing to have a building that is so well connected to the internet,” Shapiro said.

“I think if you’re going to be a public servant, here in Pennsylvanias, you have to care about all parts of Pennsylvania. And for me, I’ve always taken on big fights and been able to deliver real results. For folks here in Jefferson County, and across rural parts of Pennsylvania...I know what we need to do to try and improve their lives. We’ve got to make sure that we can keep access to healthcare, expand broadband. Make sure everybody’s connected to the internet,” Shapiro said.

Another point he spoke on was the need to create jobs in “communities like this.” He believes there needs to be more vocational, technical and computer training in high school classrooms. He spoke about Jeff Tech, Shapiro said he would like to see more models adopted after it, and encourages more access to vocational programs in high school years. On the same token, he said those who want to attend college for further education should be able to, and said it should be made more affordable.

“Now that we’ve got the budget, but all across Pennsylvania, to help young people be prepared for the jobs that we need to fill new and I think all things together are going to help us improve lives in these communities,” Shapiro said. “If a young person wants to go to college, great, we need to help make that more affordable. But if a young person wants to graduate and go into the workforce and be a welder, or a plumber, or an IT person, we need to partner with private organizations to train them on the job and we need to make sure that there’s a path to that.”

Early Friday dismissals to continue in 2022-2023

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BROOKVILLE — With the approval of a majority of parents, the Brookville schools will continue to have a two-hour early dismissal on Fridays during the 2022-2023 school year.

As of next week’s session, Superintendent Erich May told the Board of Education at their meeting, “We have received parental vote for the two-hour early dismissal on Fridays, we are now voting on that. The school code requires 90 minutes of instruction for elementary student body, high school students included. All four schools in the district have surpassed those minimum requirements.”

“For four times as many parents favor the early-out on Fridays,” he said. “We want not only not only the early dismissal beneficial to many families, it also gives parents time to take care of their own, bright futures.” He said. “We are included to continue to offer that for grades 7 to 12, and that is another reason to do the modified schedule on Fridays, to have time to see the kids online.”

“As an administrative team, we feel that we can keep our faculty engaged well, learn and grow, online. We have missed feelings about the connection that’s been made over the last year online. We have been reaching out to the families of some of the current students who have been home all day. We continue to offer the online options, even in K-1, with that number constantly increasing.” As far as required instruction is concerned, May said, “Four times as many parents favor the early-out on Fridays, we are now voting on that. The school code requires 900 hours of instruction for elementary students, 900 hours for middle school, 900 hours for high school. We continue to offer the online options, even in K-1, with that number constantly increasing. We have been reaching out to the families of some of the current students who have been home all day. We continue to offer the online options, even in K-1, with that number constantly increasing.

As of May 4, only 14 elementary students were doing remote learning, May said. The Jeffersonian Democrat has started a mystery photo series featuring a building in town; please submit photos for readers to search for and guess which building it is from. Guesses can be sent to the Jeffersonian Democrat Facebook page, or identifying the building will appear in next week’s edition, along with the number of correct guesses, and possibly some of the other guesses we receive. If you know more about a building, please submit it via the email at info@jeffersonianexpress.com with the subject “Mystery PHOTO.”

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